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IN RE APPLICATION OF: WU, SHIN-TSON, ET AL.  
SERIAL NO.: 09/655,466  
FILED: 09/05/2000  
TITLE: POLAR TOLANE LIQUID CRYSTALS

**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office action mailed on November 29, 2002 and having a shortened statutory period of 3 months. All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.

**REMARKS**

This is a timely reply to the Office Action of November 29, 2002. In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that claims 8-14 and 16-24 are allowed. The Applicants thank the Examiner for his consideration and allowance of these claims. In the Office Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 3 and 15 under 35 USC 102(b). Specifically, the Examiner asserts that the Yamada et al., US Pat. Nos. 5,314,640 and 5,453,864 anticipate the claims of the present application. The grounds for rejection are traversed below.